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SUBJECT: 25TH SESSION OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY. 25TH SESSION OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE BEGAN HERE JUNE 9 AND IS EXPECTED TO END JUNE 13 OR 14. PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN SCANTY AND HAS TENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON ISSUES CLOSER TO MOROCCAN THAN BLACK AFRICAN HEARTS, I.E. CANARY ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE AND PLO REPRESENTATION. MAIN PREOCCUPATION OF CONFERENCE IS ANGOLA. ONE CONCRETE DECISION TAKEN SO FAR. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HAS BEEN TO ESTABLISH BRANCH OFFICE OF OAU AT UNSPECIFIED EAST AFRICAN LOCATION. END SUMMARY.

2. 18 MEMBERS OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALGERIA, CAMEROON, CONGO, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA BISSAU, LIBYA, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, TANZANIA, MAURITANIA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA) BEGAN THEIR DELIBERATIONS IN RABAT JUNE 9. OAU SECRETARY GENERAL ETEKI AND 14 OAU-RECOGNIZED AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND CANARY ISLANDS LIBERATION GROUP HAVE ALSO JOINED PROCEEDINGS. OTHER OAU STATES ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS.

AS NEARLY AS WE CAN GATHER MOST COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL THOUGH ALGERIA, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF CURRENT STRAINED RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO, HAS MIDDLE LEVEL FORMAL OFFICIAL HEADING DELEGATION. PRESS HAS NOT PUBLISHED COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF DELEGATES AND ITS COVERAGE OF CONFERENCE HAS BEEN RATHER SCANTY, PERHAPS BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER, COMMITTEE HAS NOT BEEN ISSUING REGULAR PRESS STATEMENTS.

3. FOLLOWING KING HASSAN'S JUNE 9 SPEECH OPENING CONFERENCE, OUTGOING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MALECELA OF TANZANIA MADE HOUR LONG STATEMENT. HE PRAISED MOROCCO FOR ITS SUPPORT OF AFRICAN AND PALESTINIAN CAUSES AND FOR ITS CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE EMBODIED IN "SPIRIT OF RABAT" CREATED IN 1972 OAU SUMMIT. MALECELA, AND SUBSEQUENT PRESS PREPARED, INDICATED THAT COMMITTEE'S PREOCCUPATIONS WERE: A) ANGOLA AND PROBLEM OF CONFLICT BETWEEN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THERE; B) FRENCH ARMS AID TO SOUTH AFRICA; C) SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA; D) FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTRIES, NOTABLY MOZAMBIQUE, ABOUT TO GET INDEPENDENCE; AND E) DJIBOUTI.

4. ANGOLA: BOTH PRESS ACCOUNTS AND SOUNDINGS TAKEN HERE INDICATE THAT ANGOLA ISSUE IS COMMITTEE'S MAIN PREOCCUPATION. IN JUNE 11 SPEECH PUBLISHED IN PRESS, MOROCCAN FORMER LARAKI, WHO IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE'S NEW CHAIRMAN, URGED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO GET TOGETHER. PRESS HAS ALSO NOTED THAT AFRICAN DELEGATIONS CONCERNED AND UPSET AT ANGOLA DIVISIONS. ON JUNE 12, COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO GIVE 10,000 POUNDS STERLING IN ASSISTANCE TO EACH OF THE THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH AN AMERICAN REPORTER, UNITA SECRETARY NAZU PUNA SAID THAT HIS GROUP WOULD BE SEEKING THREE

OBJECTIVES IN ITS MEETINGS WITH MPLA AND FNLA IN KENYA JUNE 14:

A) TO STOP FLOW OF ARMS FROM ZAIRE AND CONGO, B) TO DISARM CIVILIANS IN LUANDA AND OTHER ANGOLAN CITIES, AND C) TO HAVE TROOPS FROM ALL THREE GOVERNMENTS FORMED INTO COMMON FORCE UNDER TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. IN CONNECTION WITH "C", PUNA NOTED THAT UNITA WAS CONTRIBUTING J100 SOLDIERS A MONTH FOR JOINT DEFENSE FORCE. PUNA THOUGHT CIVIL WAR COULD BE AVOIDED, ALTHOUGH UNITA, WHICH HAD INITIATED NO MILITARY ACTION, HAD HAD MEN KILLED IN CIVIL STRIFE. SPEAKING OF OAU, PUNA BELIEVED ORGANIZATION COULD HELP SITUATION BUT NOT IMPOSE SOLUTION. OAU MISSION SENT TO LUANDA FOUR MONTHS AGO HAD FAILED IN PART BECAUSE IT HAD NOT CONSULTED UNITA AND ALSO BECAUSE SOME OF ITS MEMBERS CAME FROM NATIONS WHICH WERE NOT IMPARTIAL.

6. OAU BRANCH OFFICE: PRESS REPORTED JUNE 13 THAT CONFERENCE HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH BRANCH OAU OFFICE IN EAST AFRICA. LOCATION NOT SPECIFIED.

7. CANARY ISLANDS: PERHAPS BECAUSE OF MOROCCO'S SPANISH SAHARA PREOCCUPATION, JUNE 12 SPEECH OF DR. ANTONIO CUBILLO, REPRESENTATIVE OF CANARY ARCHIPELAGO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT (MAIAC), GIVEN SPECIAL PLAY HERE. AT CONCLUSION CUBILLO'S REMARKS, COMMITTEE VOTED TO REFER MATTER TO AD HOC TRIPARTITE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY. PRESS REPORTED JUNE 13 THAT ETEKI HAD CALLED ON OAU STATES TO AID MAIAC AND HAD TERMED PAST SUPPORT OF THIS ORGANIZATION INSUFFICIENT.

8. CABINDA: ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, CABINDA DELEGATE MADE PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE JUNE 11. HE DECOUNCED INVASION BY ANGOLAN FORCES AND CLAIMED THAT 50 CABINDANS DEAD AND HUNDREDS WOUNDED AS RESULT OF THIS ACTION. HE CALLED UPON OAU TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION, APPEALED TO RED CROSS FOR ASSISTANCE, THANKED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ZAIRE AND CONGO FOR ASSISTANCE, AND SAID CABINDA MUST HAVE SEPARATE REGIME.

9. PLO: SAID KAMAL IS HEADING A THREE-MAN PLO OBSERVER DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE. KAMAL MADE PRESENTATION NOTING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN AFRICAN AND PALESTINIAN LIBERATION STRUGGLES AND STRESSING LINKS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND ZIONISM. PRESS REPORTED SPEECH VERY WELL RECEIVED AND THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO EXTEND 20,000 POUNDS STERLING IN "SYMBOLIC ASSISTANCE" TO LHO. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS ACCOUNT, PLO HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS AT CONFERENCE.

10. ETEKI STATEMENT: IN JUNE 11 STATEMENT TO MOROCCAN NEWS AGENCY, ETEKI APPEARED LESS THAN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ORGANIZATION'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE EVENTS. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD "REQUIRE MUCH

COURAGE" FOR AFRICAN STATES TO PUT ECONOMIC  
PRESSURE ON SOUTH  
AFRICA, AND NOT EASY TO PERSUADE STATES TO TAKE NEEDED STEPS.  
WHEN ASKED IF HE THOUGHT OAU SHOULD HAVE EXECUTIVE ARM  
SIMILAR TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL, HE REPLIED THAT IT BETTER TO  
ECONOMIZE IN THIS AREA SINCE UN SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISIONS  
ARE NEITHER "EXECUTIVE NOR EXECUTED."

11. SPANISH SAHARA: MOROCCAN PRESS HAS INDICATED THAT SAHARA  
IS ON AGENDA BUT ISSUE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED  
AS YET. IN OPENING STATEMENT, MALECELA CAREFUL TO DISTINGUISH  
BETWEEN MOROCCO'S EFFORTS TO "RECOVER" NORTHERN ENCLAVES OF  
SEBTA AND MELILIA AND TO "FREE" SAHARA FROM COLONIALISM.  
NO SAHARA LIBERATION GROUP REPRESENTED AT MEETING.

12. CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO END JUNE 13 OR 14. NOT  
YET CLEAR WHETHER IT WILL PASS RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT  
KAMPALA SUMMIT OR WHETHER IT WILL ISSUE GENERAL REPORT.  
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